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Title: GENE MARKERS USEFUL FOR DETECTING SKIN DAMAGE IN RESPONSE TO
ULTRAVIOLET RADIATION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant wishes to amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the Specification:

On Page 1 of the Specification after the title, please add the following paragraph before the "Field of Invention" section:

Statement Regarding Federally Sponsored Research

The research described herein was funded in-part by National Institutes of Health (NIH), 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20892. Accordingly, the U.S. government may have certain rights in this invention.